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and supports his main contentions with statistical data. The significance of the Siemens-Martin process of steel manufacture for the increasing use of scrap material is discussed. The capital necessary to this process is shown to be relatively small—a matter of some importance in connection with the growth of trusts and cartels. Some interesting observations are made regarding the significance of the use of scrap in countries consuming large quantities of iron and steel but having limited ore and coal deposits. Such countries have a large stock of scrap, and this material will in the future help to give them greater economic independence.

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